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SUBJECT: ISRAEL DENIES "MOSSAD" HAS SPREAL ALLEGATIONS
THAT BRAZIL SUPPLIED IRAQ WITH URANIUM
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. MEDIA REPORTS CIRCULATED IN ISRAEL THIS MORNING (JUNE 23) TO THE EFFECT THAT BRAZIL HAS WARNED ISRAEL THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE UNDER REVIEW AND COULD SUFFER AS A RESULT OF REPORTS ALLEGEDLY SPREAD BY MOSSAD, ISRAEL'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THAT
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BRAZIL HAD SUPPLIED EIGHT TONS OF URANIUM TO IRAQ.

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YEDIOT AHARONOT, ISRAEL'S LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER, TODAY STATED THAT "IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THESE REPORTS WERE A FIGMENT OF THE IMAGINATION AND TOTALLY GROUNDLESS. IT WAS STRESSED THAT AT NO STAGE WAS THERE ANY

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TALK OF BRAZILIAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE IRAQI REACTOR." IN REFERRING TO AN AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR MATTERS SIGNED LAST YEAR BETWEEN BRAZIL AND IRAQ, THE NEWSPAPER QUOTES THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS HAVING SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY HAS NOT SUPPLIED URANIUM TO ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD "FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT BRAZIL ITSELF STILL HAS NO URANIUM AT ALL."

3. THE BACKGROUND OF THE CURRENT FLAP MAY HAVE BEEN AN OUTGROWTH OF AN MFA STATEMENT CALLED "IRAQ'S ACTIVITIES TOWARDS ACQUIRING MILITARY NUCLEAR CAPABILITY" RELEASED ON JUNE 9 (REFTEL). THE STATEMENT QUOTED THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF A NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1979, AS SAYING THAT "IF OUR ENEMY, ISRAEL, IS CLOSE TO BUILDING AN ATOMIC BOMB, OR ALREADY HAS ONE, WHAT PREVENTS US FROM DEVELOPING THE SAME CAPACITY?" THE MFA PAPER ALSO DISCUSSED

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THE ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS BY IRAQ AND SAID, "IRAQ IS OPERATING IN FOUR PARALLEL DIRECTIONS IN ORDER TO STOCKPILE THE URANIUM NECESSARY TO GIVE HER SELF-SUFFICIENCY..ITTHEN LISTS AS ONE OF THE FOUR METHODS "THE - ACQUISITION OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES FROM BRAZIL." URI DAN, AN ISRAELI NEWSMAN WITH CLOSE GOVERNMENT TIES, WROTE ON JUNE 16, "THE OFFICIAL FRENCH TEAM HANDLING THIS SET OF PROBLEMS KNEW OF THE IRAQI PLAN TO CHEAT AND KNEW THAT IN ADDITION TO THE DELIVERIES OF URANIUM FROM FRANCE - WHICH WERE SUPPOSEDLY TO BE SUBMITTED TO INSPECTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY - IRAQ HAD PROCURED HUNDREDS OF TONS OF URANIUM FROM PORTUGAL, NIGERIA, BRAZIL AND ELSEWHERE."

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